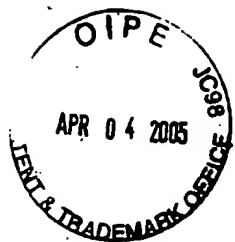


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Hiroshi Kobata et al.                      Art Unit : 3621  
Serial No. : 09/904,563                                      Examiner : Kambiz Abdi  
Filed : July 16, 2001                                        Confirmation No.: 2322  
Title : CONTROLLING AND MANAGING DIGITAL ASSETS

Attention: Group Director  
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REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO WITHDRAW AS ATTORNEY OF RECORD

With authorization, the undersigned attorney, on behalf of himself and the other attorneys of record, who are members or associates in the firm of FISH & RICHARDSON P.C., or who were so listed at the time of their appointment, and on behalf of any associate attorneys appointed by any of the attorneys on whose behalf this petition is filed, requests the approval of the Commissioner to withdraw as attorney(s)/agent(s) of record.

The present mailing address of the attorney(s)/agent(s) of record is:

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The reasons for which the permission of the Commissioner is sought for withdrawal of the attorney(s)/agent(s) of record is the applicant has decided to directly handle prosecution.

Notice of the attorney's request to withdraw is being sent simultaneously to the applicants and the relevant papers and files will be sent promptly to the applicants.

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A response is due to an Office action mailed on March 23, 2005. The last date on which a response, a petition for extension of time and fee could properly be filed is on September 23, 2005. This request is being filed more than 30 days prior to September 23, 2005. See MPEP 402.06.

Two copies of this request are filed herewith. The Commissioner is authorized to apply any charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: April 4, 2005

  
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